STAND. COM. REP. NO. 824

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 0 6 2015

RE: S.B. No. 831 S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 831, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to align the requirements for start-up and conversion charter schools.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Includes conversion charter schools within the provisions of section 302D-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which relates to the establishment of start-up charter schools;
- (2) Repeals section 302D-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which contains the existing provisions on the establishment of conversion charter schools; and
- (3) Makes housekeeping amendments relating to public charter schools.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission and one individual.

Your Committee finds that public charter schools provide new approaches to education that accommodate the individual needs of

students and create opportunities for communities to implement innovative models of community-based education. Your Committee believes that by aligning the requirements for start-up and conversion charter schools, as well as making other housekeeping amendments, this measure will improve and strengthen Hawaii's public charter school system.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making a conforming amendment to section 302D-26(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 831, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 831, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

JILL N. JOKUDA, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*  おおろう そかし	Committee Referral:  EDU, WAM			Date: 312115	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)					
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	V				
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		V			-
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		V			
HARIMOTO, Breene		/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		V			
RIVIERE, Gil		V			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		-			
SLOM, Sam		V			
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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